State/UT	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07*
Karnataka	792.0	964.0	825.0
Madhya Pradesh	3429.2	3232.6	3202.0
Maharastra	1664.0	2005.0	2258.0
Orissa	249.6	336.3	289.0
Punjab	31.7	26.2	30.0
Rajasthan	1337.4	898.1	1258.0
Tamil Nadu	245.6	177.0	246.0
Uttar Pradesh	2375.0	2231.5	2424.0
West Bengal	167.1	174.3	179.0
Others	358.9	398.1	475.0
ALL INDIA:	13129.5	13384.4	14231.0

* IVth advance estimate

Budget provision for foodgrain seeds, oil seed, etc.

†15. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the provision for foodgrain seeds, oil seeds, pulses, maize development, crops insurance scheme, land and water conservation in the budget estimates for the year 2007-08 has been fixed less than the budget estimates for the year 2006-07; and

(b) whether this provision would be sufficient to fulfill the shortfall in the production of foodgrains, pulses, oil seeds and their development schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) No, Sir. Budget estimate of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation was Rs. 4480 crores in 2006-07, which has increased to Rs. 5520 crores in 2007-08. Provision for schemes related to foodgrains, seeds, oilseeds, pulses, maize, land & water conservation have increased. Funds for the crop insurance scheme are the same as last year.

(b) The National Development Council resolution dated the 29th May, 2007 has further identified the need for a scheme for providing Additional Central Assistance to the states for the agriculture sector, as well as for launching a Food Security Mission, covering Rice, Wheat and Pulses. Other schemes are also under way and, should there be any further need for funds, additional funds will be solicited.

Suicides in Vidarbha

†16. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the suicides by the farmers in Vidarbha goes unabated;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.